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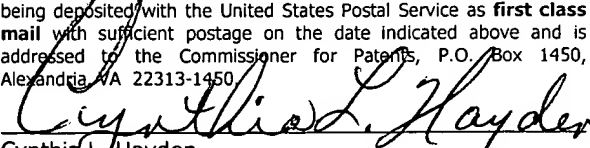| | | | | |
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## REPLY BRIEF

In the opening brief, the applicant argued that the cited references do not teach the feature of one entity determining why another entity fails to complete a task. The Answer highlights this issue at the bottom of page 8 of the Answer. However, the Answer's response that this feature is taught by Kraft seems to be implausible.

In the cited material in Kraft, starting at column 7, line 29 through column 8, line 5, there is a coordinating computer 102 and peripheral computers 106. The Answer suggests that the coordinating computer is one entity and remoter computers are another entity. It is not believed that any "remoter computers" are referred to in the cited passage. Perhaps the Examiner meant to refer to peripheral computers 106.

The problem is that there is no reason to suggest, from the cited passage, that the coordinating computer 102 is responsible in any way for determining why another entity, namely, one of the peripheral computers, fails to complete a task. Not only is no such capability provided, but the problem is never even contemplated in the cited reference. That is, the cited
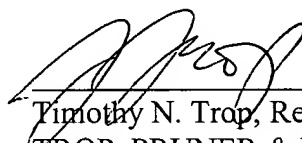
reference assumes that all of the peripheral computers eventually indicate that they have completed their tasks. It never even addresses the situation, "what do you do if they can't complete their tasks"? Most certainly, the reference does not in any way suggest that the coordinating computer be the one that determines why the tasks were not completed.

Merely determining whether the tasks were completed is not commensurate with the claim language of "if not, determining at the server, why the task was not completed."

Therefore, the rejection should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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